

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1- 38.

Please add new Claims 39-58.

39. (New) A platter for use in an oven, the platter comprising one or more apertures at substantially the edge of the platter, said one or more apertures passing through the thickness of the platter.

40. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 1, having a central region that is substantially devoid of apertures.

41. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the said one or more apertures are positioned at the edge of the platter and are open-sided.

42. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the upper surface of the platter comprises a plurality of vertically-extending members.

43. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the vertically-extending members are in the form of ridges.

44. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 5 wherein the said ridges are parallel.

45. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the said ridges extend over substantially the entire width of the platter.

46. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the underside is substantially flat.

47. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising one or more raised edge members around the perimeter of the platter for retaining food debris in use.

48. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 9, comprising one or more raised edge members around the perimeter of both the upper surface and the underside of the platter.

49. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising means for attaching a handle.

50. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a handle.

51. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 1, made of a polymer material.

52. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the polymer material is a liquid crystal polymer resin reinforced with glass.

53. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 14, made of DuPont (RTM) Zenite (RTM) 7130.

54. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 1, for use in a forced air / microwave combination oven.

55. (New) A platter having a first major surface and a second major surface, the surface area of the first major surface being greater than that of the second major surface so as to concentrate heat flux from the first major surface to the second major surface in use.

56. (New) A platter as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the first major surface is ridged or convoluted and the second major surface is substantially flat.

57. (New) An oven having a platter as claimed in Claim 1.

58. (New) A method of cooking using an oven having a platter as claimed in Claim 1.